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Policy and Plans Group, ODP

SUBJECT : National Bureau of Standards Briefing

1. Recently ODP has been in contact with representatives of the National Bureau of Standards' Institute for Computer Sciences and Technology (ICST). The purpose of the discussions was to request a waiver from compliance with Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 60-1, 61, 62 and 63 for planned ODP and NPIC FY 1982 procurements.

2. During these meetings ICST personnel offered to present a briefing to describe their current and planned efforts. ICST carries out responsibilities under P.L. 89-306 (Brooks Act) to improve the Federal government's management and use of ADP such as; 1) developing Federal automatic data processing standards; 2) providing agencies with scientific and technology advisory services relating to ADP; and 3) undertaking necessary research in computer science and technology.

3. The briefing by ICST is scheduled on 20 July from 9:00 to 12:00 in Room 2D03 Headquarters. Attached is a list of topics to be addressed.

STAT 4. To be certain the capacity of Room 2D03 is adequate, by 15 July 1981, please notify  on extension  of the number of planned attendees from your component.

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Tentative Agenda  
For Discussion  
at  
Central Intelligence Agency  
July 20, 1981 9:00 a.m. - Noon

- Brief Overview of National Bureau of Standards' Institute for Computer Sciences and Technology

- NBS Computer Network Program

The discussion includes computer network protocol development for large global networks, protocol development and measurement research for local area computer networks, and protocol and format development for computer based office systems. The various facets of the standards development process are described and a schedule of activities presented.

- NBS Computer System Components Program

The discussion will overview existing, proposed, and planned computer interface standards for both large and small scale systems, data communications and low-level network protocol standards, and activities in computer security, data integrity, and computer storage media.

- Technology Forecasting/Assessment

ICST's responsibilities and activities in technology forecasting and assessment and relations to Federal Agency requirements and to private industry needs will be discussed.

The discussion in all areas will place special emphasis on the relationship of the NBS programs to Federal Agency and private industry activities, to the status of international developments, and to the plans of foreign governments.